

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A computerized method for estimating coverage of search engines,
2 each search engine maintaining an index of words of pages located at specific
3 address in a network, comprising the steps of:
4 generating a random query, the random query being a logical
5 combination of words found in a training set of the pages;
6 submitting the random query to a first search engine;
7 receiving a set of URLs in response to the random query;
8 randomly selecting a particular URL identifying a sample page;
9 generating a strong query for the sample page;
10 submitting the strong query to a second search engine; and
11 comparing result information received in response to the strong query
12 to determine if the second search engine has indexed the sample page.